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1953 RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION PLANS OF CHINA;
FORMATION OF HARBIN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION

Summary: In preparation for carrying out the basic construction program for 1953, the Ministry of Railways has created a Basic Construction Bureau, and formed 18 units for investigating, surveying, and designing. Target for 1953 is the construction of 800 kilometers of new lines.

The alignment for the Lan-chou--Sinkiang line for a distance of 330 kilometers, from Lan-chou to Chieh-ho, has been settled, preliminary surveys have been made as far as Chiu-ch'uan.

The five lines under the management of the Shanghai Railway Bureau are now in first-class condition, and maintenance staffs and costs have been substantially reduced.

Pursuant to the recession of the Chinese-Ch'ang-ch'un Railway to the Chinese People's Government, the administration of said lines has been assigned, as of 31 December 1952, to the newly organized Harbin Railway Administration. This will henceforth be under the direct control of the Ministry of Railways, and will have under its jurisdiction seven railway bureaus, seven trunk lines, and 11 appended branch lines. Lu P'ing has been appointed chief of this administration. He will have four deputy chiefs.

PLAN BASIC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 20 Nov 52

Peiping, 19 November (Hsin-wen She) -- During November 1952, the Ministry of Railways conducted a conference to discuss plans for the Basic Construction Program of 1953. The original bureaus and the Head Engineering Bureau have been enlarged, and there has been added a Basic Construction Bureau. Altogether, 18 units for investigating, surveying, and designing, have been established for assignment to various projects. It is aimed, in 1953, to finish the construction of not less than 800 kilometers of new railways. This will include work on the Lan-chou--Sinkiang line, and 116 kilometers on the first section of the Ch'eng-tu--T'ien-shui line.

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PROGRESS ON LAN-CHOU--SINKIANG RAILWAY -- New York, Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 26 Jan 53

Hong Kong, 20 January (Hsin-hua dispatch from Lan-chou) -- Surveying and planning for the Lan-chou--Sinkiang railway as far as Chiu-ch'uan, about 700 kilometers northwest of Lan-chou, was substantially completed in November 1952. The alignment for the section from Lan-chou to Chieh-ho (28 kilometers west of Wu-wei), a distance of 330 kilometers, is settled. The work of planning and the technical design of nearly 1,000 bridges, culverts, stations, and water-supply installations is completed. From Chieh-ho to Chiu-ch'uan, a distance of 416 kilometers, the preliminary survey has been made.

IMPROVEMENTS OF EAST CHINA RAILWAYS -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Jih-pao, 22 Nov 52

Shanghai -- The five lines under the management of the Shanghai Railway Bureau, namely, the Shanghai-Nanking, the Nanking--Wu-hu, the Chiu-chiang--Nan-ch'ang, the Shanghai--Yangchow, and the Chekiang-Kiangsi railways are all now in first-class condition; the trains run faster, accidents are fewer, and the costs of maintenance have been reduced by about one half. All these improvements are the result of study and practice on the part of all the workers, of the advanced methods in use on Soviet railways as communicated by the Soviet advisers, such as Sorokin and others.

In the matter of railway bridges, under the expert direction of Soviet Adviser Gekhonov, all bridges have been put in first-class condition, so that now there are only two bridges on these lines where trains have to slow up before crossing. Every bridge over 50 meters long now has a responsible worker on duty at all times to maintain it in perfect condition and to assure safety.

On the Shanghai-Nanking line, the speed of [" express "] trains has been raised from that of 77.6 kilometers per hour 3 years ago to 88.5 kilometers per hour at present. Formerly, over 8,000 men were employed for maintenance work on these lines; now the number required is only a little over 3,000 men, with a proportionate reduction of expenses.

NEW SET-UP FOR RR IN NORTHEAST -- New York, Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 8 Jan 53

Hong Kong, 2 January (dispatch from Harbin) -- Pursuant to the transfer of the Chinese Ch'ang-ch'un Railway from joint Sino-Soviet ownership and management to Chinese ownership and management, the Ministry of Railways of the Central People's Government, at 1800 hours 31 December 1952, changed the name of the Ch'ang-ch'un Railway Administration to the Harbin Railway Administration (Ha-erh-pin T'ieh-lu Kuan-li-ch'ui), which will henceforth be under the direct control of the Ministry of Railways.

Hereafter, the railway lines under the management of the Harbin Railway Administration will include, besides those lines managed by the former Ch'ang-ch'un Railway Administration, the following lines which hitherto have been under the direct management of the Ministry of Railways, namely, those operated by the An-tung Sub-Railway Bureau, together with a number of individual railway stations transferred over by neighboring bureaus.

Under the Harbin Railway Bureau there will then be the following trunk lines:

Man-chou-li to Harbin, Harbin to Sui-fen-ho, Harbin to Dairen, Mukden to An-tung, Hsia-ch'eng-tzu to Liu-shu-chen. Harbin to Wu-ch'ang, Hun-ho to Fu-shun. The branch lines connected to the above are: T'iao-li-chao to Yu-shu, Ta-shih-ch'iao to Ying-k'ou, Chin-chou [121 43, 39 07] to Ch'eng-tzu-t'uan, Nan-kuan-ling to Kan-ching-tzu, Chou-shui-tzu to Lu-shun-k'ou, Ta-fang-shen to

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Liu-shu-t'un, Yen-t'ai to Yen-t'ai-k'uang, Liao-yang to Pen-ch'i, Pen-ch'i to T'ien-shih-fu, Feng-huang-ch'eng to K'uan-tien, Kuan-shui to Sai-ma-chi.

The seven railway bureaus under the Harbin Railway Administration will be located, respectively, at Man-chou-li, Harbin, Mu-tan-chiang, Ch'ang-ch'un, Mukden, Dairen, and An-tung.

The chief of the Harbin Railway Administration will be Lu P'ing (1) [Numbers in parentheses refer to appended characters.] The deputy chiefs will be Kuo Lu (2), Chuang Lin (3), Liu Ying-ts'ai (4), and Wang Kuang-wen (5).

CHARACTERS

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2. 郭魯
3. 莊林
4. 劉英才
5. 王光文

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